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JANUARY 8, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE
EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

~ Matthew 2:9

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MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 7 - 15

Sat. 5:00 pm † Deborah Martin
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am † Ida & Nick Monti

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

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MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
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Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Juanita Estrella, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Olga Lamberti, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Anita Perricelli, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Della Spinelli, Jeanne Cuttitta, Susan Buller, Amy Kantowitz, Ann Springer, Guy Wallace, Ray Bertolotti, William McCarthy, Cindy Crimmins, Fred & Lidia Loupy, Rebecca Rogers, Kathleen Guevara, Clarence Robinson, Armando Diaz de Leon, Fr. Ron Schmidt, Patty Estopinal, Laura Jones, Jeff Mills, Mary Pat Power, Bonnie & John Bouey, Ann Maramba Farrell, Susan Rubio, Martin Tierney, Denise Baylocq, Fr. Paul Schmidt.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

A prayer for Epiphany:

Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith.

(The Roman Missal, Opening Prayer for the Epiphany of the Lord)

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

January 8 bulletin was due by December 29 (Thursday)
 January 15 bulletin was due by January 6 (Friday)
 January 22 bulletin is due by January 13 (Friday)
 January 29 bulletin is due by January 20 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.



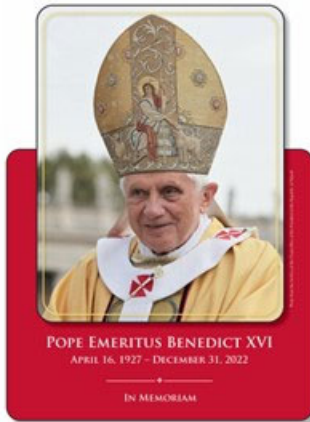
Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2022

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

Percentage Achieved **62.48%**

\$22,369.50 as of December 15, 2022



In Memoriam
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022

Papacy:

April 19, 2005 – February 28, 2013

Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen.

After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as a *peritus*, or theological advisor, at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he was best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy was the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he saw as moral decline across much of Europe. At the same time, he sought to improve relations with other religions, trying to determine if a “cultural synthesis” was possible without losing the identity of the faith while engaged in discourse with the Lutheran World Federation, Judaism, Islam, the Anglican Communion, and Christian Orthodox Churches. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare, and advocated better protection of the environment. He called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and pressed for a “true world political authority” to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, “Fellow Worker in the Truth,” Pope Benedict XVI’s teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope. He returned to Rome and remained there as Pope Emeritus after Jorge Bergoglio succeeded him as Bishop of Rome.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

MEMORY BEARS

*Buon Anno,
Bonne Annee,
Frohes Neues Jahr,
Hau'oli Makahiki Hou
— in any language,
a very happy new year to
all from the
St. Theresa's Memory
Bear makers!*



We want you to assure you that we are still around and are beavering away making bears for families who have lost loved ones, for ill children, and for those in hospice care. If you or someone you know are mourning the loss of a cherished family member or dear friend and would like a special remembrance of that person, we would be more than happy to make a little bear(s) out of a favorite article of their clothing at no charge to you. You'll have a lovely (or handsome) handmade little bear filled with memories and made with our love. Last December, we made this Santa Bear for a family whose late husband/father loved Christmas! If you would like a bear made, or would like more information about our ministry, please get in touch with either Marlene McShane (510-653-2688) or Cecile Cuttitta (cecile.cuttitta@att.net).

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted Listening available at Weekend Masses

There are two ways to enjoy crisp, clear audio in the church for our weekend Masses.

Option 1: Download the app, connect to the church wireless network, put in your earbuds, open the app and you are set.

The WiFi password you will need to connect to our wireless network will be available at the sound system desk before and after Mass.

Option 2: Assisted Listening Devices are available at our weekend Masses. You can check out a device at the sound system desk prior to Mass.

If you have any questions contact Cathy Brady at cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org

Parish Listening Sessions



Plan on attending the Annual Parish Listening Sessions following the Masses on, January 14 & 15.

You will have the opportunity to comment about our parish with the Pastor, Parish Staff and Pastoral Council. These listening sessions have been very helpful and insightful in the past years.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. They are less than 20 parts per million gluten, under .002%

Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

VOLUNTEER FOR A LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Please consider volunteering for one of our Liturgical ministries. Liturgy is the work of the people and we need your assistance.

What is your gift, passion, what do you really like to do? Do you like to read, talk with people, serve people, work behind the scenes, electronics? Turn that passion into a ministry, there is something for everyone. Prayerfully consider one of the following ministries.

- ✠ **Lector**
- ✠ **Eucharistic Minister**
- ✠ **Sacristan**
- ✠ **Altar Server** (grade 4 and up)
- ✠ **Projectionist**
- ✠ **Videographer** (for the live-stream 9am Sunday Mass)
- ✠ **Greeter**
- ✠ **Usher**
- ✠ **Altar Linens**

Contact Cathy Brady to volunteer,
cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

New Year's Resolution time...

Think about resolutions that are a positive force for helping the world.

Think about resolutions toward racial equity.

Love all your neighbors.

Donate blood this year.

Resolve to recycle and be kinder to Mother Earth.

Link your fitness goals to a cause. Maybe train for a race or walk to help others.

Practice mindful eating.

Donate to your local food bank.

Cultivate compassion.

Strengthen your relationship with God. Pray more and put your faith into action.

**** And stay tuned for Social Justice Committee meetings and projects in 2023**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CURRENT NEEDS

Volunteers Needed for the Dining Room at the Direct Services Campus in West Oakland: 8:30am to 1pm Tuesday through Saturday. Volunteers help prepare, and bag warm meals for our guests and serve the meals at the gated entrance to the courtyard. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kristen Bernal: Email kbernal@svdp-alameda.org 510-277-6435.

Men's Clothing (casual, work, denim, and work pants, and shoes in good condition) and women's hygiene articles can be dropped off in the Church vestibule. These donations are distributed through SVDP Clothes Closet in our Downtown Community Center.

Nonperishable, non-expired food donations: Our on-going food collections for the needy people in the Sacred Heart Parish have been graciously acknowledged by those who have been served. This is becoming a regular opportunity for us to feed the hungry, especially during these difficult economic times. We bring the food to Sacred Heart around the third Sunday of the month. Food donations may be left in the back of the vestibule in various baskets next to the "Giving Tree at any time.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution or with any questions.

You may use online giving to make a donation to the St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference. <https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>.

WEEKLY READINGS

January 9 - 15

Monday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29
Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday:

Heb 2:5-12
Ps 8
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

Heb 2:14-18
Ps 105
Mk1:29-39

Thursday:

Heb 3:7-14
Ps 95
Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11
Ps 78
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

Heb 4:12-16
Ps 19
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday:

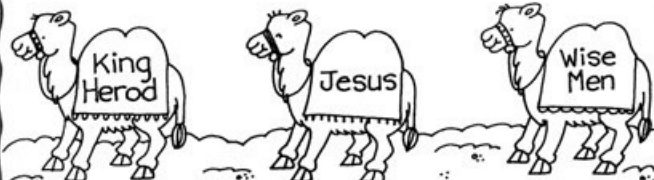
Is 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34



God's Word for Children

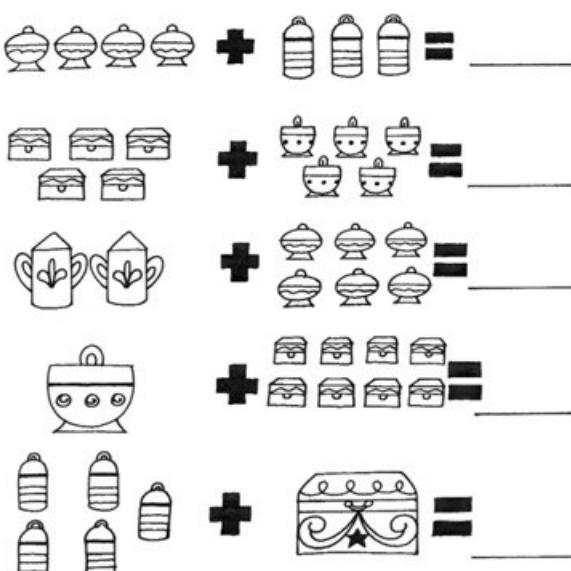
Epiphany

Use the words on the camels to fill in the blanks in the story below.

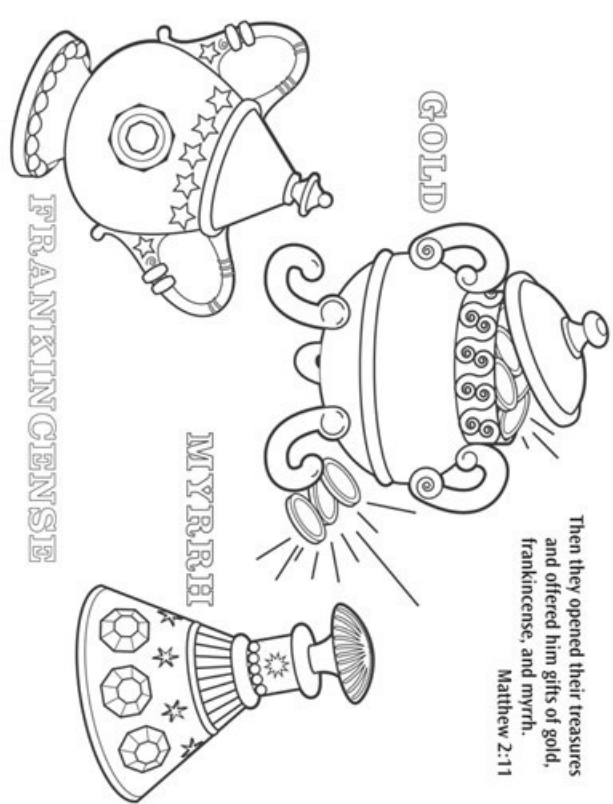


_____ heard that _____ were looking for _____. He asked them to return and tell him where they found the baby. The _____ followed a star that led them to _____. They gave him very special gifts. A dream warned them not to go back to _____. And so the _____ took another way home.

The scriptures tell us the magi "opened their treasures and offered [Jesus] gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 1:11). Add the treasures below together, then write the number that tells the sum.



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FRANKINCENSE

GOLD

MYRRH

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

CATHOLIC CORNER

BLESS ALL WHO ENTER HERE

The word "January" is derived from *ianua*, the Latin word for "doorway." January is the doorway to a new year. Doorways are special places that can open new worlds for us. We go through doorways every day and enter new adventures at work, school, or play. We open our doors and welcome family members and visitors into our homes and our lives.

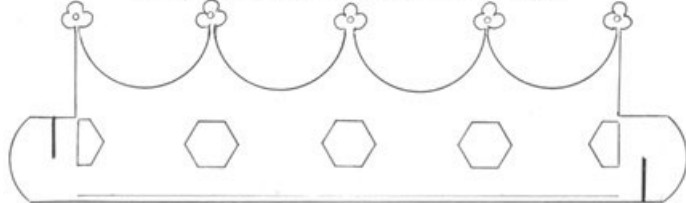
When Jesus was born Mary and Joseph welcomed some very unusual visitors. They came from faraway lands, riding camels and dressed in royal robes. Tradition tells us their names were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The story of the Three Kings, or magi, reminds us that Jesus came to reveal God's love to the whole world. No one is turned away at the door.

Today we bless our doorways for the year. Ask an adult to help you put these crosses, letters, and numbers above the front door of your home. You can write them with a piece of chalk or cut the symbols from a piece of construction paper and tape them over the door.

20 + C + M + B + 20

The numbers stand for the New Year. The letters are the initials of the names of the magi. The crosses stand for the four seasons of the year. When you finish putting these signs over the door your family can say this prayer together.

*Bless all who pass through this doorway.
When we leave, keep us safe until we return.
May we welcome all with love and joy.
May we open the doors to our home and our hearts
so that God may enter in and stay with us forever. Amen.*



As a special symbol of welcome you might make a crown to give to the first person who enters your house today. Remember to treat everyone who enters your home with love and respect.

PARISH INFORMATION



MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all unvaccinated people attending Mass.

Weekday: 8:30 am (Mon.-Fri.)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am
(live-stream on our YouTube channel)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

f Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120

Family Faith Formation (Grades TK-5) & R.C.I.C.

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Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

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R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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